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School Board honors Cooper Mears as National Merit finalist

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Belleville High School senior Cooper Mears was honored for his recently announced National Merit Scholarship finalist designation.

Mears is the son of Angela and Todd Mears of Van Buren Township.

Cooper is ranked first out of 392 BHS seniors with a cumulative grade point average of 4.764 as of the end of the first semester of the 2025-26 school year. In addition to his courses

at BHS, he also completed Calculus 3 at Washtenaw Community in the fall semester and is currently enrolled in Linear Algebra for the winter semester.

He has completed nine Advanced Placement (AP) courses through the 11th grade and achieved two 4s and seven 5s on the AP examinations, with 5 being the max score.

He has been recognized by the College Board with an AP Scholarship with Honors Award, an AP Scholar with Distinction Award and a School Recognition Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement.

Cooper participates in Euchre and Chess Clubs at BHS, is the vice president of National Honor Society, is the treasurer for Science Olympiad, is the secretary for the Ecology Club, is a squad leader in Marching Band, and is first chair flute and piccolo in Symphony Band. He is also a past member of the award-winning Robotics team.

Outside of school, Cooper is a member of the Civic Philharmonic Orchestra, which is one of the Civic Youth Ensembles through the Detroit Symphony Orchestra organization for the 2025-26 season.

In his free time, he enjoys baking for his friends, family and teachers, volunteering and tutoring.

Cooper will be attending the University of Michigan College of Literature, Science and the Arts, and expects to major in Math.

He qualified to be a semi-finalist with a perfect score on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).



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Van Buren Public Schools 2025 Transparency Report

	Base Pay	Total Compensation
ADMINISTRATORS		
Garland, Sean	\$110,345.02	\$164,494.01
Kudlak, Peter	\$181,095.20	\$305,698.41
Nayak, Priya	\$130,314.31	\$216,843.95
Williams, James	\$128,265.33	\$202,156.22
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS		
Duncan, Brandice	\$56,619.42	\$107,849.38
Kadri, Joumana	\$44,321.36	\$88,055.81
Leedy, Deborah	\$56,663.90	\$106,511.94
McWilliams, Debra	\$70,202.58	\$132,443.83
Mastrogiamo, Erin	\$32,476.36	\$67,829.06
O'Keefe, Nicole	\$39,131.26	\$81,273.27
PRINCIPALS		
Abel, Fredrick	\$77,074.67	\$132,012.87
Causey-Bryant, Tracy	\$129,382.65	\$197,302.83
Crockett, Nicole	\$131,876.44	\$200,813.13
Dufrane, Nadine	\$106,153.15	\$161,762.60
Kitchen, Jennifer	\$91,567.55	\$136,048.27
Maher, Laura	\$105,757.67	\$171,211.70
Petty, Melissa	\$40,279.12	\$62,079.47
Pitts, Julia	\$107,123.36	\$178,022.11
Walker, Chrstalyn	\$102,299.97	\$182,084.21
ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS		
Green, Falisadoll	\$110,807.48	\$193,758.65
Lazarean, Rebeca	\$39,386.34	\$62,248.74
Roberson, Brian	\$112,989.03	\$195,998.55
Slingerland, Paula	\$117,522.40	\$178,501.54
Turner, David	\$99,873.79	\$173,746.55
White, Patrick	\$94,032.40	\$140,073.72
Wright, Howard	\$83,241.55	\$147,930.00
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR		
Brodie, Joseph	\$118,581.68	\$184,224.65
DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONS		
Marvaso, Jill	\$29,404.55	\$44,204.97
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES		
Leroy, John	\$120,036.45	\$207,746.67
DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION		
Moore, Jeffrey	\$93,784.21	\$156,774.48
DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES		
Frazier, Julien	\$128,382.95	\$217,674.28
EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIALIST		
Crisler, Holly	\$15,577.50	\$30,511.64
BOARD MEMBERS		
Delibera, Victor	\$480.00	\$516.72
Falconer, Dionne	\$660.00	\$710.49
Featheringill, Susan	\$180.00	\$193.77
Fields, Wade	\$750.00	\$807.38
Hawkins, Calvin	\$780.00	\$839.67

Loyer Gerick, Darlene	\$840.00	\$904.26
Owen, Kelly	\$150.00	\$161.48
Pearce, Amy	\$870.00	\$936.56
Shall, David	\$480.00	\$516.72

SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL

Beach, Shannon	\$18,763.33	\$39,722.40
Bono, Terri	\$11,320.46	\$20,595.19
Cichowski, Jamie	\$36,842.23	\$78,993.83
Cofield, Tanya	\$13,678.75	\$25,065.50
Colwell, Melissa	\$36,665.65	\$66,063.29
Doty, Kelly	\$29,705.50	\$47,330.94
James, Kimbria	\$34,731.55	\$51,582.49
Kaba, Jessica	\$25,209.69	\$37,892.98
Kennedy, Marcia	\$39,052.86	\$77,961.67
Kulhanek, Patricia	\$26,087.66	\$40,595.87
Larocque, Kristine	\$42,305.86	\$64,465.23
Lauber, Anna	\$1,786.38	\$3,421.35
Linne, Jennifer	\$8,470.72	\$13,288.12
Mitchell, Deborah	\$34,499.76	\$51,769.65
Price, Kristin	\$20,024.42	\$32,263.94
Richards, Norma	\$42,194.67	\$72,777.20
Spicer, Beverly	\$40,662.22	\$60,877.42
Spillman, Kristine	\$32,642.01	\$57,845.69
Suvada, Kelli	\$37,978.45	\$57,805.97
Sykes, Lenore	\$34,016.38	\$77,927.82
Trevorrow, Sylvia	\$26,746.60	\$49,691.43
Walker, Esther	\$29,397.25	\$53,653.69
Walker, Ladonna	\$30,110.55	\$54,983.63

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Altenbernt, Lauren	\$94,824.71	\$152,796.36
Ballard, Jolie	\$16,676.81	\$28,061.08
Barnes, Alexandra	\$56,551.35	\$92,124.97
Bateman, Nancy	\$100,631.49	\$175,768.74
Beck, Julia	\$57,073.42	\$92,745.50
Belloni, Cristen	\$95,766.84	\$164,696.13
Bianchi, Pauline	\$86,515.33	\$151,044.98
Bias, Jennifer	\$76,217.38	\$133,296.11
Binert, Jill	\$88,090.94	\$158,405.53
Bishop, Ashley	\$12,106.37	\$17,757.74
Bogle-Hogg, Virginia	\$109,701.93	\$165,544.99
Bongiorno, Zachary	\$50,961.98	\$99,974.46
Bornefeld-Wolf, Jennifer	\$81,733.53	\$146,134.36
Borowicz, Inthira	\$56,527.57	\$93,924.06
Bowman, Megan	\$51,394.35	\$99,228.30
Bradley, Pamela	\$101,700.02	\$163,251.95
Briggs, Whitney	\$24,394.81	\$39,297.72
Brown, Kaitlynn	\$64,564.36	\$104,196.75
Bugescu, Cristina	\$38,143.74	\$62,603.71
Burton, Deondra	\$73,783.30	\$130,268.13
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Caprara, Thomas	\$57,622.46	\$85,038.53

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Van Buren Public Schools 2025 Transparency Report			Marchello, Anthony	\$28,641.83	\$56,228.07	Frederick, Kelsey	\$32,445.24	\$48,312.32
			Marino, Joseph	\$67,967.26	\$109,389.87	Medvich, Jennifer	\$40,703.09	\$84,491.51
			Mastie, Vivian	\$92,871.45	\$149,080.87	Nowak, Zachary	\$51,298.45	\$85,183.50
			Mayes, Michael	\$34,694.75	\$65,804.82	Nystrom, Meagan	\$53,189.98	\$87,587.14
			Mckenna, Lauren	\$67,005.20	\$101,444.40	Pritchett, Taylor	\$51,980.80	\$95,860.83
			Meeker, Samantha	\$35,223.89	\$75,209.40	Ynclan, Brianna	\$46,566.62	\$75,578.15
			Miloser, Kristine	\$97,928.58	\$149,484.06	GSRP PARAS		
			Moore, Jessica	\$77,554.28	\$141,153.06	Baker, Brianna	\$23,122.86	\$42,590.06
			Moore, Marissa	\$37,859.14	\$61,329.25	Caver, Zaria	\$21,055.66	\$40,962.89
			Nadowski, Emily	\$61,405.34	\$99,752.26	Daroci, Sydney	\$28,459.96	\$42,184.70
			Nelson, Barbara	\$81,820.63	\$147,831.99	Sarnovsky, Paula	\$21,771.38	\$56,554.46
			Nofs, Kathleen	\$98,666.57	\$157,778.26	Tyner, Katerina	\$33,929.56	\$50,256.30
			Norman, Anita	\$87,495.17	\$151,292.23	SPECIAL ED. TEACHERS		
			Ober, Laura	\$98,619.24	\$158,105.25	Banning, Aubrey	\$32,730.48	\$53,343.21
			Orlich, Carmen	\$42,202.36	\$66,038.01	Bliss, Laura	\$53,711.85	\$105,463.25
			Paduchak, Hannah	\$44,909.59	\$84,846.84	Bonham, Audrey	\$75,565.86	\$111,461.15
			Parcha, James	\$85,980.43	\$156,197.91	Boulas, Erica	\$75,436.04	\$112,854.20
			Parise, Jordan	\$57,043.16	\$83,626.46	Chie, Elizabeth	\$91,785.87	\$161,994.02
			Patterson, Krisite	\$58,438.74	\$111,766.42	Chrisner, Amy	\$115,649.77	\$200,347.10
			Pollock, Kathryn	\$85,303.09	\$137,666.80	Conn, Joselyn	\$94,979.69	\$162,675.97
			Porcaro, Karlee	\$5,672.13	\$8,399.24	Cross, Samantha	\$56,174.98	\$107,819.28
			Przydzial, Karen	\$91,102.33	\$146,799.82	Dudley, Tavis	\$62,736.06	\$93,144.29
			Puente, Irial	\$18,016.68	\$26,814.81	Flaim, Sarah	\$57,745.64	\$94,378.71
			Puma, Lori	\$65,115.66	\$118,003.78	Fryske, Katie	\$72,346.50	\$133,452.91
			Quinn, Adrienne	\$28,870.01	\$51,469.77	Gerst, Debbie	\$90,962.11	\$157,550.68
			Rafail, Melinda	\$85,865.70	\$155,800.46	Hammond, Colleen	\$84,646.97	\$153,880.66
			Ray, James	\$77,739.20	\$84,266.33	Hura, Sadie	\$71,368.22	\$106,485.99
			Rice, Jarrett	\$62,630.86	\$105,635.69	Jasman, Neva	\$55,129.79	\$106,219.30
			Richardson, Alexandra	\$63,976.94	\$112,902.82	Jordan, Cindy	\$103,634.11	\$156,423.91
			Roberson, Kim	\$75,714.26	\$113,026.64	Lapp, Sarah	\$53,327.74	\$86,539.60
			Rohloff, Steven	\$94,847.28	\$168,849.45	Lasenby, Felicia	\$103,491.49	\$166,950.91
			Roperti, Christine	\$87,371.53	\$157,975.72	Neff, Karl	\$76,656.15	\$123,194.18
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			Scroggie, Angela	\$93,507.37	\$165,810.17	Simon, Rebecca	\$47,399.24	\$80,309.44
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			Yurcak, Margaret	\$69,437.66	\$103,005.64	Evans, Joy	\$20,685.01	\$30,597.32
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			Batson, Allyson	\$14,817.73	\$30,961.85	<i>(continued on page 8)</i>		

O P I N I O N S

Editorial:

Audience scolds school board for anti-ICE antics

A bag of trash picked up from the yard of St. Anthony Catholic Church was left on the floor before the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at Monday's regular meeting.

When public comment time came around, the bag with 22 water bottles and a cell phone was put before the board to show them what the Belleville High School demonstrators against ICE on Feb. 13 left on church property. Members of the school board were reminded they had supported the demonstration, which was put in place with the help of the BHS principal.

It was pointed out that only two students, who attend by internet, were on the church property with a truck and a big Trump sign, to give their opinion on the demonstration. The BHS students were flinging full water bottles at the students and could have caused concussions, one speaker said.

Language on the BHS signs carried outside included "F--- Trump" and similar language was on signs in the school's restrooms, they said. Teachers saw the signs, they told the board.

Other complaints were about Mamma K, a security guard, who was accused of grabbing a student's bra to see if she had a wire and being responsible for students being withheld from lunch. They begged the board to intercede "before somebody gets hurt."

Board vice-president Dionne Falconer told the speakers that School Supt. Kudlak would be in touch with them and take care of all their complaints.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Randy Miller of Sumpter Township reports he checked out a new shop in the renovated strip mall across from Belle Villa Boulevard on Sumpter Road in Belleville. He said 734 Beauty Lounge is up and running there.

He said he left the Dollar Store and saw it open, so he dropped by.

A big demonstration was planned before Monday's Romulus City Council meeting to protest the announced U.S. Immigration and Customs (ICE) detainment center on Cogswell Road. The vacant warehouse was purchased by the federal government.

The government also recently purchased a warehouse on Van Born Road, between Haggerty and I-275 in Van Buren Township. It reportedly will also be a detainment center for about 500 people.

The government also bought an office building in Southfield for the administrative part of all this.

The sites are close to Willow Run and Wayne County Metro airports, so kind of handy. We doubt that demonstrations are going to change the government's mind on its projects

Reg Ion of Van Buren Township, grandfather of students at BHS, was at Monday night's school board meeting to talk about the anti-ICE demonstration and the things being thrown over the fence into St. Anthony's yard where pro-ICE students were demonstrating with a big Trump sign.

Reportedly, the students at the church were threatened with death and the BHS students at the school finding out where they live and going after them. Foul language abounded on signs and verbally. There is a cell-phone video that's been around social media on this.

SUCH IS LIFE....

K. Wood 2/26

Please bring a new stuffed animal to the Belleville Library to help comfort kids during an emergency situation.

The Police and Fire Departments will pick them up and give to kids in crisis.

GIT out of there, Mouse!

Go away, Kid.... you're blowing my cover!

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Children

Ion also has an ongoing irritation with the BHS principal for not handling racist remarks that his granddaughter and eventually his son got from school employees. He said there has been no apology to his granddaughter or son.

Also, Ion is still asking Supt. Kudlak for a signed copy of the pop contract for the machines in the school. He said after many attempts, he finally got Kudlak to give him a contract, but it is unsigned, so useless. Ion suggests maybe somebody's uncle owned the place.

It really shouldn't take long to go into a drawer and get a signed contract.

Several other schools in the area had anti-ICE demonstrations. I'm told the one in Canton saw kids with signs walking around the school and then getting back inside because it was so cold. No issues there, I'm told.

We didn't hear a report on the Romulus High School demonstration.

At the end of Monday's school board meeting, board vice president Dionna Falconer said after a busy day last week, she was tired, but went to the unified basketball game at the high school and she was so glad she did.

She said the way the players worked with the less-apt players was heart-warming and the way the crowd encouraged the players was also heart-lifting.

Others have said the same thing. Go to a unified game and your spirits will be lifted.

BHS and McBride both have unified teams.

It was reported that 200 people were present for the recent Van Buren Public Schools Educational Foundation fund-raising event with a Disneyland theme. It was a great success and people were amazed at how much people knew about Disney. The money raised by the foundation is disbursed to teachers in the district for their various special projects.

On Feb. 18, the electrical power went out for about two hours in a wide area of Van Buren Township and surrounding areas. I was leaving for the Belleville DDA meeting at 6 p.m. when the lights turned off. When I came back after the meeting, the lights were still off, but by the time I got a lantern and settled down, they bounced back on again and all was well.

I talked with others who lost lights and we noted that it was a beautiful day with no wind and that's the way it usually is when the lights go out in our triangle of Haggerty/Savage and surroundings. No real excuse.

DTE had recently sent out letters saying it was going to turn off the lights in the middle of the night for an hour on two different dates to fix something, but it never followed through. How long can you believe what they say?



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Letters

Quilt Exhibit to run for month of March

To the editor:

In 1996, Diane Wilson, director of the Belleville Area Museum, started a yearly Quilt Exhibit. She enlisted Kay Adkins, the founder of our quilt guild, to help with this project. We have done it ever since.

This Quilt Exhibit has been going for 30 years, minus Covid and the renovation at the museum. It is the whole month of March 3-31. The hours are Tuesday 4-7 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, 12-4 p.m. Entry is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students.

Our theme is the 250th Anniversary of America. Our raffle quilt will be on display with tickets for \$1 each. We will have quilts on both floors and some will be priced to sell.

There will be special Saturday presentations. On March 7, Dear Jane Quilts; March 14, Stories of Quilting/Bed Turning; March 21, Free Motion Quilting on a home machine; March 28, Mini Trunk Show. (15 minutes, on the hour)

A gift basket will be awarded each week. Western Wayne County Quilt Guild thanks Elizabeth Renaud and the museum staff for continuing to support the wonderful Quilt Exhibit.

Roxann Baker

Western Wayne County Quilt Guild

New pantry location at Faith Comm. Church

To the editor:

My name is Malia Germain, and I

am writing on behalf of The Makana Foundation. We are a local nonprofit dedicated to providing food support through our community pantry and assisting families in need with minor home repairs and essential resources.

We are excited to share that we will be hosting our official grand opening on Monday, March 2, at noon at our new pantry location in Belleville.

The pantry site has been generously sponsored by Belleville Faith Community Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr., allowing us to expand our reach and better serve local residents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Malia Germain, The Makana Foundation
www.themakanafoundation.org

Agree with Rep. Miller's perspective on landfill

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the article "State Rep. Reggie Miller speaks out against EGLE landfill expansion," in which I offer support to the author's perspective.

I am currently a student at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI, studying sustainable business. I am taking an environmental justice class, and we are to write about an environmental justice issue happening today. I have family in Belleville and have been hearing about the landfill expansion and its concerns to the community.

Because of this, I wanted to send over/offer my opinion and insight on the matter. Especially regarding the article published, as previously mentioned, and how I support the points acknowledged.

Erin O'Keefe

Northern Michigan University

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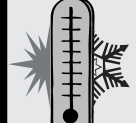
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Obituaries



Ry'Ann Lynn
Stephenson

RY'ANN LYNN STEPHENSON

August 12, 2012 - February 17, 2026

Ry'Ann Lynn Stephenson, age 13, known by her family and friends as Ry or RyRy, was born on August 12, 2012 in Superior Township, MI. Ry'Ann loved sports and cherished being around her friends and family. She enjoyed drawing and writing poems, and she loved Jesus deeply.

Although many have not got to witness it, Ry'Ann could sing her butt off. Her favorite artist was Alicia Keys, the song of her choice was "Girl on Fire." Ry'Ann showed this through her uplifting, encouraging others, standing up for others. She was a light in every room she entered and never hesitated to tell you exactly what was on her mind. Ry'Ann loved to tell jokes, and you could always count on her to have the last word -- no matter what.

She was rarely seen without her signature headband.

Ry'Ann attended Early Childhood Education Center (preschool), Rawsonville Elementary (K-3rd grade), Edgemont Elementary (4th grade), Owen Intermediate (5th grade and part of 6th grade), and lastly Lincoln Middle School (remainder of 6th grade -- present day). Throughout each grade, Ry'Ann had been on the honor roll and received many awards for various achievements and accomplishments.

Ry'Ann played many sports throughout her life. Her sports journey started with the Belleville Wrestling Club for two years. She made the boys cry because she would beat them. She competed in AAU track and field with the Ann Arbor Track Club and was a three-time Junior Olympian. Her dedication and talent set her apart at an early age.

At Lincoln Middle School, Ry'Ann was a record holder in the 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay, long jump, and the 400 meter. She was recognized as the 2025 Middle School 400m award recipient and was also named Middle School Long Jumper of the Year in 2025.

In addition to track and field, Ry'Ann played flag football for the Great Lakes Flag Football League. Known for being as fast as lightning, she was a fierce rusher who helped lead her team to win and was always able to get to the quarterback like no other. She earned a place on the Stealth Team, which recognizes the league's top athletes.

She also was the vice president of Lincoln Middle schools student council. She had remarkable grades in all subjects.

The Belleville and Lincoln communities were a big part of RyAnn's life. Through sports and friendships, she built lasting connections and developed skills that will always be remembered. Ry'Ann is still helping others even though she is gone, by being an organ donor through gift of life. Her kindness, love and legacy still goes on.

Ry'Ann leaves behind her loving mother Nicole McGuire; father Ricky Stephenson Jr. (Kanasha); one brother Ricky Stephenson III; three sisters Rickiya Stephenson, Ry'Leigh Stephenson, and Kali Stephenson; grandmother

Connie Brown; grandfather Ricardo Brown Sr.; uncles Ricardo Brown Jr., Cortez Brown (Brittany), Jordan Brown, Jerry McGeorge, Richard Napier (Stephanie); aunts Makena Lejeune (Rod), Jeyda Brown, Michelle Singh (Matt), and Kyrstin McGeorge; great-grandmothers Rebecca Brown and Ann; great-grandfather Robert; grandfather Ricky Stephenson Sr.; godfather Kirby Easley; godmother Alanae Odom; and a host of other grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Ry'Ann is at peace now. She wouldn't want you to be sad for her. She made peace with God. Visitation is Thursday, March 12, 2026 from 3 to 7 p.m. at River of Life Church Assembly of God, 16650 Sumpter Rd., Belleville. Family Hour is Friday, March 13, 2026 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service at the church.

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JEAN ELLEN WHITESELL

March 13, 1942 - February 14, 2026

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DR. RAYMOND GEORGE SAYEGH

Dr. Raymond George Sayegh of Belleville passed away peacefully on February 18, 2026, at his home in Northville, Michigan, surrounded by his loving wife, Marjorie Sayegh (Stamm), and family.

For over 40 years, he served the Belleville community as a dedicated downtown dentist, known for his kindness and steady care. He loved photography, classic Corvettes, and spending summers at his cottage in Lake City, Michigan, where he found his greatest joy. A celebration of his life will be held this summer at his beloved cottage.

SUSAN KATHLEEN RAINER

April 7, 1952 – February 17, 2026

Age 73, longtime resident of Van Buren Township. Survived by husband Walter, daughter Melissa, son Walter, Jr., 6 grandchildren, 2 sisters. Gathering from 1-3 p.m. Feb. 28, with memorial service at 3 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Sara Lee LeMoynne

SARA LEE LeMOYNE

October 7, 1940 – February 21, 2026

Sara Lee LeMoynne, age 85, who grew up in Belleville, MI and raised her family in Livonia, MI, passed away on February 21, 2026, at Rose Senior Living, Novi, MI, with her family by her side. She was born October 7, 1940, in Ann Arbor, MI, to Henry & Marjorie (Morton) Potter. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1958. Sara attended Michigan State University where she received her bachelor's degree, and she received a master's in education at Eastern Michigan University. She enjoyed teaching in the Wayne/Westland school district for many years. She spent many years crafting stained glass. Sara was an active member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church where she was on the Altar Guild, Vestry, and ECW. She loved cooking, baking, oil painting, reading, and dancing.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Richard LeMoynne; two sons Robert (Mayumi) LeMoynne of Running Springs, CA, and Craig (Katie) LeMoynne of Toronto, Ontario; two grandchildren Sadie & William LeMoynne; as well as many neighbors and friends.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 11 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville, MI, with Rev. Chip officiating. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and would be appreciated.

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FLORENCE 'KATIE' MALLORY

November 29, 1934 – February 15, 2026

Age 91, Belleville. Survivors are son Mark Mallory and grandson Jeffrey. David C. Brown Funeral Home. Burial at Michigan Memorial Park. Donations in her memory requested to Nature Conservancy (nature.org) or National Parks Conservation Association (npca.org).

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Small, Breanne	\$28,522.31	\$49,644.85	Mulvey, Katelyn	\$72,983.46	\$108,399.52	Parise, Rebecca	\$89,950.37	\$133,409.67
Suggs, Toni	\$31,612.35	\$45,727.80	Murray, Matthew	\$69,753.73	\$129,512.89	Plumb, Jacqueline	\$89,742.01	\$133,007.70
Swasey, Renatta	\$3,782.31	\$5,358.22	Musser, Michael	\$109,935.08	\$189,916.77	Powers, Amanda	\$26,667.72	\$47,598.11
Terry, Ayana	\$31,650.58	\$46,871.54	Mynarcik, Nicolas	\$60,987.74	\$99,672.41	Rosenblum, Sydney	\$44,714.12	\$75,065.94
Turnbull, April	\$31,862.15	\$47,210.08	Mysliwicz, Kris	\$85,221.73	\$152,520.53	Sell, Nikiana	\$21,504.80	\$34,485.76
Walker, Jene	\$25,780.92	\$47,801.04	Napthen, Marcus	\$97,888.66	\$144,040.53	Slusher, Amber	\$98,033.56	\$173,404.50
Walker, Juan	\$8,501.39	\$12,070.01	Nault, Andrea	\$61,218.76	\$92,819.49	Snyder, Ashley	\$31,535.80	\$50,807.42
Whitehouse, Teresa	\$31,757.65	\$57,570.30	Newman, Allyson	\$101,684.54	\$162,007.34	Summers, Joelle	\$57,773.70	\$93,133.71
Williams, Kelly	\$17,277.48	\$51,761.19	Novack, Donna	\$17,477.73	\$26,260.00	Taylor, Cassidy	\$69,862.80	\$126,345.56
Witkowski, Anne	\$21,560.60	\$31,705.68	Oliva, Sydney	\$60,468.82	\$99,166.04	Taylor, Rachel	\$4,887.84	\$14,885.78
Yates, Kathy	\$34,369.02	\$50,534.09	Otter, Craig	\$71,836.58	\$133,321.27	Taylor Dawson, Tishanna	\$77,104.46	\$114,283.39
SECONDARY TEACHERS			Peebles, Tina	\$76,252.33	\$132,501.37	Trejo, Lauren	\$11,614.54	\$17,466.62
Bancroft, Wendy	\$91,544.37	\$156,634.14	Perry, Deborah	\$35,066.68	\$38,106.53	Wagner, Haley	\$45,654.81	\$82,494.36
Barger, Melissa	\$22,615.43	\$45,505.32	Petersen, Matthew	\$22,616.68	\$33,176.71	Wrase, Kristen	\$33,584.68	\$58,546.15
Barker, Marsha	\$62,005.91	\$106,601.62	Petersmark, Ryan	\$40,601.34	\$65,278.70	PSYCHOLOGISTS		
Barr, Alyson	\$29,037.76	\$43,089.18	Porambo, Nicholas	\$57,392.24	\$92,710.41	Acomb, Andrea	\$102,062.96	\$163,384.39
Barrons, Nicole	\$60,395.55	\$109,302.42	Radcliff, Jessica	\$57,591.03	\$111,036.05	Carver, Logan	\$78,953.94	\$136,796.33
Bell, Gwynn	\$17,169.94	\$28,068.34	Radwood, Karen	\$89,975.62	\$150,998.97	Reid, Glen	\$64,612.92	\$104,592.51
Bennett, Myia	\$28,432.97	\$57,010.55	Rembert, Tashana	\$35,276.22	\$53,853.78	Tappin, Sydney	\$96,317.64	\$150,920.82
Berger, Jordan	\$68,753.92	\$101,948.94	Rivers, Eric	\$88,152.34	\$140,571.89	GUIDANCE		
Bogrow, Justin	\$62,321.30	\$112,144.76	Rumfelt, Tracy	\$71,060.90	\$116,498.47	Allen, Willie	\$36,612.77	\$70,200.50
Borgdorff, Noah	\$18,534.12	\$34,919.86	Said, Ryan	\$73,488.94	\$117,928.77	Currie, Shahna	\$63,496.73	\$100,179.32
Brown, Shannon	\$70,222.66	\$106,245.11	Scicluna, Devin	\$51,578.48	\$100,111.50	Frentner, Judy	\$48,291.53	\$53,347.59
Buford, Kori	\$53,113.38	\$88,519.97	Seward, Ariana	\$16,210.44	\$30,581.23	Kellum, Benson	\$78,377.02	\$116,835.35
Burke, Elizabeth	\$18,066.64	\$26,631.58	Slingerland, Heather	\$62,103.14	\$106,579.46	Moore, Susan	\$89,290.22	\$158,304.04
Burrage II, Patrick	\$44,908.94	\$85,394.18	Small, Betty	\$68,124.98	\$122,519.29	Robinson, Kelli	\$68,501.56	\$124,894.10
Campbell, Michael	\$107,485.06	\$170,626.68	Snoes Clinton, Elizabeth	\$63,318.11	\$119,778.83	Romak, Jessica	\$82,677.38	\$148,335.86
Carr, Melissa	\$88,796.71	\$143,067.95	Solano, Helena	\$35,054.63	\$55,526.95	Sweets, Jacob	\$89,516.16	\$144,317.74
Clarke, Rebecca	\$76,245.14	\$118,242.30	Sprague, Andrea	\$99,753.46	\$158,768.59	Turner, Likina	\$98,174.37	\$160,264.93
Cosey Nolen, Ozenia	\$61,851.10	\$100,539.69	Stamm, Bonnie	\$99,172.21	\$159,149.54	TECHNICIANS		
Craig, Tanika	\$13,792.16	\$23,829.84	Stetzenmeyer, Anthony	\$74,230.34	\$119,336.51	Cornell, William	\$8,960.00	\$13,277.86
Crawford, April	\$53,549.62	\$102,931.83	Strzalkowski, Jason	\$60,976.62	\$104,217.64	Delgado, Herbert	\$64,599.54	\$113,160.55
Curtis, Yolanda	\$69,172.13	\$125,648.46	Sych, Sara	\$60,878.43	\$98,836.79	Garcia, Amilio	\$55,834.84	\$82,233.77
Dagenais, Madison	\$62,508.56	\$100,844.10	Tarrow, Alyssa	\$33,574.42	\$69,051.18	(continued on page 13)		

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AMANDA MICHELLE MENDIS

September 4, 1987 – February 22, 2026
Age 38, of Monroe. Survived by husband Patrick Mendis, parents Calvin and Pamela Woolston, siblings Beth and Kimmy, grandfather John Woolston. Cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Judith Anne Ball

JUDITH ANNE BALL

December 27, 1949 – December 11, 2025
Judith Anne Ball (Maracle) went home to the Lord on December 11, 2025. She is in the company of her parents, Herbert and Edith Maracle, her maternal grandparents Earl and Olive Lockwood, her paternal grandparents Orma and John Maracle, two brothers Lawrence and Raymond Maracle, two nephews Steven J. Pollard and Thomas R. Maracle, a great-niece Danielle Willard, as well as countless ancestors. Judi leaves behind two daughters, Michelle Bevel and Alicia Fender, a granddaughter Stephani West, four great-grandchildren Layla, Delilah, Bane, and Sunny (Solana), her baby brother Terry, three sisters Beverly, Darlene and Bonnie Maracle, and many nieces and nephews. Judi was born on December 27, 1949 in Detroit, MI, a proud descendent of the Mohawk Nation. She graduated with the Class of 1967 from LaFayette High School in Buffalo, NY. Judi spent many summers on the Six Nations Reservation (Brantford, ON) where her great-grandmother Sara E. Thomas owned property along the Grand River which was transferred to Judi's best friend, John Maracle, and then in turn to current descendants. Judi's heritage was vital to her. She shared it with coworkers, teachers, children, and families during her 23 years working for Van Buren Public Schools and serving as a Girl Scout leader. She even took two troops of scouts to visit the reservation so they could experience the culture first hand. Judi will always be remembered for her many strengths. Her compassion for others, the environment, and animals was evident by her generosity of time and resources. Judi's happy disposition, contagious laugh and great sense of humor made her so much fun to be around. Even in the toughest times, she'd bring a reassuring smile as testament that all trials pass.

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• **Friday, Feb. 27** – Taco & Margarita Night from 5 to 7 p.m. at the James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270

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• **Friday, Feb. 27** – Fish Fry starts at 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, every Friday until Easter. Public welcome. Menu includes cod, shrimp, hush puppies, French fries, chicken wings, onion rings, more. Trivia free to play.

• **Saturday, Feb. 28** – Belleville Library Chess Tournament from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the library's Cozadd Room. All ages welcome. Compete for honors and prizes. Registration required. Call (734) 699-3291 or visit <https://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/>

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Since joining us, Poncho has discovered the joy of kiddie pools, belly rubs, toys, and full-speed zoomies around the yard. He LOVES every person he meets and greets new friends with excited wiggles and hopeful eyes. He's still working on his manners-especially his "I'm so happy I can't help but jump!" habit-so a home without small children would be best while he continues to learn.

Poncho spent most of his previous life outdoors, and when he first arrived, crate training and potty training were completely new concepts. But he has come such a long way. While he hasn't been formally crate-trained, Poncho is now very accustomed to his kennel and to being in a more confined, indoor-type space for longer stretches. Because of that, we believe transitioning him into true crate training in a home will be much smoother than it would have been when he first arrived.

He's also doing great with potty training-he's pretty solid with it now! He does still like to "mark" on occasion, but we fully expect that to improve once he settles into a home, understands the routine, and knows what's his at last.

Poncho could absolutely benefit from some basic training, but he's so eager to please, highly food-motivated, and a total people-lover-which makes him an incredibly fun student. He's shown no negative reactions to other dogs in passing, though we haven't officially tested him with dogs or cats just yet (and his enthusiasm may be a bit much for feline friends).

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POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On March 11th, 2026, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2006	VOLKSWAGEN	4D	WVWEK73C56P039374	26-0080
1999	MERCEDES	SW	4JGAB54E4XA126508	26-544
2006	CHANGZHOU	TR	LN2UT11156J037475	26-565B
2008	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1AL58F287179400	26-620
2002	CADILLAC	SW	1GYEK63N52R108391	26-565A

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2008	FORD	SW	2FMDK38C28BB36521	26-1182
2012	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1PE5SC8C7362781	25-16649B
2007	FORD	SW	1FMFU20567LA23258	26-959
2018	LINCOLN	4D	1LN6L9TK4J5614648	26-729
2011	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1ZE5E71BF107966	26-1337
2009	VOLKSWAGEN	4D	3VWJM71KX9M126259	26-981
2017	DODGE	4D	2C3CDXJG0HH563860	25-15711A
2014	DODGE	4D	1C3CDZAG7EN232675	25-16175
2010	BUICK	SW	5GALVBED1AJ196145	25-16320
2017	FORD	4D	3FA6P0G76HR204716	25-15933
2009	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB57K591137941	25-15419
2011	FORD	4D	1FAHP3FN0BW146343	25-15379
2001	FORD	PU	1FMZU67E01UB57825	21-7722
2020	JEEP	SW	1C4RJFBG6LC423282	25-14831
2013	CHEVROLET	4D	1G11C5SA9DF151350	25-15122
2013	HONDA	4D	JHMGE8H30DC024279	25-14926B
2018	DODGE	4D	2C3CDXJG0JH115544	25-12438

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
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Van Buren Public Schools 2025 Transparency Report			Lajiness, Mandi	\$10,544.18	\$15,508.39	Harden, Nynier	\$21,897.92	\$33,475.90
			Lamar, Vanessa	\$24,154.67	\$34,937.98	Hochbaum, Yevonne	\$16,305.70	\$25,327.55
			Marshall, Anthony	\$21,480.03	\$31,696.10	Jenson, Iris	\$19,496.79	\$30,122.47
			Marshall, Donna	\$40,681.41	\$68,656.35	Johnson, Debra	\$19,943.37	\$31,106.01
Base Pay		Total Compensation	Martin, Dana	\$51,620.44	\$94,816.05	Jones, Stephanie	\$22,738.52	\$36,763.58
TECHNICIANS (continued)			Maschat, Cynthia	\$29,864.92	\$43,807.77	Kochan, Garrett	\$1,801.49	\$2,865.62
Glasper, Courtney	\$47,209.90	\$70,766.97	Merrihew, Nancy	\$10,157.04	\$19,524.90	Mauro, Cheryl	\$20,848.17	\$40,002.76
Kabore, Eric	\$52,408.18	\$85,521.45	Neel, Bryant	\$170.66	\$253.24	Mcewen, Shelly	\$4,314.16	\$6,579.40
Kennedy, Caleb	\$63,251.30	\$116,393.83	Osak, Megan	\$38,759.21	\$57,010.59	Moore, Alganett	\$23,492.71	\$36,637.47
Rupnow, Jay	\$51,923.32	\$77,188.08	Palmer, Martisha	\$23,796.11	\$35,265.34	Muirhead, Jun	\$21,403.34	\$32,843.31
LIBRARY/AV STAFF			Powell, Kenneth	\$8,910.35	\$18,195.29	Parris, Janet	\$20,846.36	\$32,725.26
Halliday, Stefanie	\$102,380.37	\$178,142.31	Reinhard, Dianna	\$32,750.82	\$59,126.26	Ronquillo, Wesley	\$7,075.09	\$10,421.12
Richards, Jonathan	\$75,253.51	\$138,452.49	Roberts, Sequoir	\$42,632.83	\$62,268.54	Shankle, Cheryl	\$12,624.10	\$19,277.98
Rupnow, Brian	\$60,039.60	\$114,027.02	Swank, Beverly	\$62,293.92	\$89,465.37	Smolarski, Michelle	\$263.89	\$391.59
STUDENT WORKERS			Thornsbury, Kelly	\$36,732.15	\$53,748.83	Snyder, Jacob	\$18,974.22	\$29,366.31
Beasley Jr., Ricky	\$2,862.82	\$3,081.82	Vealey, Daniel	\$7,015.23	\$28,242.48	Snyder, Melanie	\$7,453.17	\$11,537.52
Borders, Hannah	\$3,049.28	\$3,282.55	Waldroop, Holly	\$34,484.85	\$74,449.65	Suggs, Tosha	\$20,721.53	\$31,926.33
Brown, Sean	\$2,283.44	\$2,458.12	Watson, Matthew	\$58,782.89	\$95,857.55	Trussell, James	\$24,330.19	\$37,262.71
Clark, Morgan	\$2,801.47	\$3,015.78	Wilson, Lawanda	\$58,356.32	\$86,139.97	Weatherspoon, Angela	\$20,859.35	\$32,129.09
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Harris, Cameron	\$2,418.14	\$2,603.12	Bodden, Donna	\$37,939.78	\$55,979.31	Mattausch, Kyle	\$5,061.60	\$7,510.91
Horchem, Allie	\$2,245.71	\$2,417.50	Bond, Bentonja	\$32,450.34	\$47,830.40	Miller, Autumn	\$29,873.57	\$42,510.33
Hubbard, Braylon	\$2,800.45	\$3,014.69	Bragg Carey, Angela	\$2,848.90	\$4,227.49	Ochs, Chrystal	\$2,490.08	\$21,076.27
Ibrahim, Fawz	\$3,854.90	\$4,149.80	Cetnarowski, Richard	\$4,471.31	\$7,483.05	Osborne, Thomas	\$8,054.69	\$11,065.92
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Morgan, Ella	\$2,077.13	\$2,236.03	Floyd, Dawn	\$18,215.73	\$26,930.63	Goodman, Joseph	\$56,078.48	\$106,825.33
Spicer, Amber	\$2,494.98	\$2,685.85	Freeman, Bertha	\$35,793.80	\$51,916.52	Hayre, Andrea	\$49,425.76	\$83,231.69
Staton, Dezirae	\$1,389.91	\$1,496.23	Hawkins, Vivian	\$32,189.12	\$47,232.33	Linton, Dawn	\$44,985.11	\$77,475.44
Taylor, Trinity	\$970.84	\$1,045.11	Jordan, Priscilla	\$38,779.83	\$56,821.44	Mcintyre, Jessica	\$54,215.45	\$89,072.03
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Adkins, Denise	\$30,633.39	\$38,108.66	Pressley, Trenna	\$16,714.20	\$25,284.86	Bailey, Terry	\$44,422.06	\$75,010.74
Bailey-Ivan, Valerie	\$30,968.31	\$34,455.55	Rankin, Candace	\$33,155.28	\$48,291.61	Cetnarowski II, Richard	\$45,872.94	\$77,736.86
Bare, Heather	\$22,409.24	\$36,968.59	Rhodes, Samuel	\$30,527.98	\$45,019.00	Charlton, Sarah	\$37,624.24	\$56,145.76
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Cooper, Lori Ann	\$47,362.81	\$69,348.82	Wohlfeil, Tiffany	\$31,349.83	\$46,629.63	Lee, Dalton	\$8,066.08	\$14,281.10
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King Thomas, Calvin	\$13,097.31	\$21,827.04	Gladstone, Karen	\$18,333.73	\$27,638.83	(continued on page 15)		

Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
Advertising Director



A&W is OPEN and I'll be dropping off this week's papers for your reading pleasure!

Check out the ad for the great event by Midwest Gold Buyers at J & S Jewelers in Briarwood Mall starting on Feb. 26 for three days. No time like the present to see what your gold and silver is really worth. From what I have been hearing, prices are the highest ever.

I know you have been patiently waiting and now it is here. Saturday is the BHS Jazz Band Spaghetti Dinner at the high school. It runs from 5 to 8 p.m. and is only \$15 with desert and drink included. Please go, enjoy, and support our great BHS band program.

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February is almost over so now let's talk March! First up on Saturday, March 7, is the second annual FMAR Skate Party at Rollers Skate Park on Sumpter Road. It runs from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is only \$10/person in advance or \$15/person at the door. Price includes Skates. Tickets: Checkout.square.site/merchant/135KDSXKWS645/checkout/FTS7LYIOGFEF12KSH4TBRRTI

Angel Food Catering is having its Bridal Blueprint Wedding show this year at the end of March. See their ad in the paper this week and all you future brides get this once-a-year event on your calendar. This one event could save you a huge amount of time in having top-notch professionals make your wedding a day to remember.

The Belleville Community Chorus is having a special fundraiser at Open Arms Church. 7865 Belleville Rd. on Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m. Adults \$20 and Kids \$10 for a Cabaret Concert and a Taco/Nacho Bar. Great music and food – can't beat that on a Sunday afternoon!

Do you have an item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026** at **10AM**, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

1991 FORD F-150	VIN: 1FTEX15N3MKA28994
2015 FORD ESCAPE	VIN: 1FMCU0GX7FUA60472
2021 ZHNG MOPED	VIN: L5YACBPZ4M1160709
2008 GMC ENVOY	VIN: 1GKES63M562341669
2008 LEXUS ES 350	VIN: JTHBJ46G382182101

**BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
6 MAIN STREET
BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111**

**BY KRISTY DOE
BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
RECORDS CLERK**

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES - February 17, 2026

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Frazier. Absent/Excused: Trustee Boynton. Others in attendance: Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Public Services Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Recreation Gerhart, Director of IT Barbaza, and an audience of fourteen.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the amended agenda adding New Business Item #3: To consider approval of Resolution 2026-02: to defer the review of new applications pertaining to detention centers/private prisons, large industrial projects meeting certain criteria, and power generation facilities. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, Kelley seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026, Work Study Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026, Prepaid List of January 22, 2026, Prepaid List of January 29, 2026, Prepaid List of February 5, 2026, Prepaid List of February 12, 2026, Voucher List of February 3, 2026, Voucher List of February 17, 2026, Approval of Resolution 2026-01: IAFF Medical Expense Retirement Plan (MERP) to replace the Healthcare Savings Plan with MERS, Approval of the reappointments of Kimberly Nofz, Charles Coleman, Stacy English, Tammy Wall, and Mark Woodson to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 1, 2027, Approval of the appointment of Brian Cullin as the Planning Commission Liaison and Bernard Grant as the alternate Planning Commission Liaison to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Approval of the IAFF, MAFF, POLC Command, POLC Patrol, and Dispatch Township Union Contracts. Motion

Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: The VBC will be hosting a family Sweetheart Dance on Saturday, February 21st from 4-6 pm, Clerk Wright held a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Civil Rights Activist Jesse Jackson and the Belleville Student Council gave a Black History Month Presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Martin moved, Kelley seconded to approve the Hydro Corp 5-Year Renewal Service Agreement in the amount of \$520,137.69 to be paid from Water and Sewer Contracted Services Account 592-536-819-000/592-537-819-000. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve Fishbeck to provide Professional Construction Engineering Services for the Belleville Road Reconstruction Water Main Replacement project in the amount of \$113,496 to be paid from Capital Outlay- System Improvement Appropriations 592-536-970-001. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2026-02: to defer the review of new applications pertaining to detention centers/private prisons, large industrial projects meeting certain criteria, and power generation facilities. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Residents commented on a missing light on a Township Gateway Sign, an update regarding the drift track in the Township, and data center concerns such as low frequency noise and water run-off.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: The Board commented on NDAs.

ADJOURNMENT: Frazier moved, Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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More Letters

Rivers House opens new office in Belleville

To the editor:

Rivers House is excited to announce the grand opening of our new Belleville–Canton office, serving Western Wayne, Oakland, Metro Detroit, and Washtenaw counties — communities we’ve proudly lived and worked in throughout the years.

Rooted in a respected family brand, Rivers House serves with strategy and integrity and remains committed to supporting buyers and home sellers with trusted resources and service.

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Van Buren Public Schools 2025 Transparency Report

	Base Pay	Total Compensation
MAINTENANCE <i>(continued)</i>		
Sattler, Kimberly	\$65,437.84	\$106,759.92
Schulz, David	\$56,082.20	\$103,179.59
Signorelli, Michael	\$28,234.76	\$30,394.72
Wakefield, Michael	\$54,778.22	\$87,386.72
MECHANICS		
Gray, Ryan	\$71,362.41	\$133,106.39
Martinez, Gregory	\$29,067.17	\$54,922.17
Schneider, Zachary	\$52,426.31	\$78,076.25
Taylor, Jack	\$43,693.30	\$82,914.01
NON-AFFILIATED		
Anderson, Terri	\$38,242.92	\$57,186.91
Baker, Jamie	\$56,929.99	\$111,839.57
Banks, Elizabeth	\$88,126.90	\$141,694.97
Bates, Michael	\$99,028.94	\$147,113.67
Brown, Tyan	\$33,117.18	\$50,909.38
Cast, John	\$26,597.54	\$38,668.99
Cornell, Jennifer	\$57,022.80	\$86,269.32
Dagnillo, Haylee	\$39,135.93	\$57,793.42
Darty, Mychal	\$42,951.04	\$90,932.69
Delfine, Kamari	\$10,833.36	\$15,969.17
Epperson, Ann	\$45,619.04	\$91,437.05
Freda, Dominic	\$93,169.46	\$139,425.68
Gamble, Taylor	\$39,947.51	\$69,436.69
Jackson, Mary	\$67,407.77	\$102,994.45
Jordan, Antoine	\$46,668.87	\$78,788.34
Knight, Chavella	\$48,075.34	\$76,752.04
Kurek, Renea	\$95,631.46	\$146,418.14
Ladouceur, Bette	\$67,414.92	\$119,214.69
Landoski, Terrance	\$31,856.65	\$56,448.38
Munoz, Dionisia	\$83,201.05	\$121,687.70
Pierre Isaac, Sabrina	\$67,524.06	\$101,502.07
Pitt, Aleisa	\$27,308.32	\$31,394.93
Plovie, Latrena	\$63,276.35	\$112,358.58
Pobursky, Michael	\$22,519.76	\$33,287.04
Richardson, Kim	\$38,088.62	\$56,976.99
Rogers, Ursula	\$55,967.69	\$93,570.16
Ross, Rebecca	\$89,465.79	\$137,366.79
Tasi, Tiffany	\$98,840.98	\$169,547.25
Weston, Latoyra	\$54,061.18	\$90,418.73
Whitlock, Trevor	\$70,876.95	\$105,368.69
Williams, Reginald	\$50,615.42	\$76,763.64
SECURITY		
Terrell, Lakeila	\$52,587.60	\$79,674.27
2025 TOTAL	\$59,728,396.80	
2024 TOTAL	\$57,269,713.90	
Difference +	\$2,458,682.90	

2025 employee total wages had approximately a 4.29% increase since 2024.

We’re joyful to open our new office in this scenic, peaceful community with beautiful lake views, strong local businesses, and the growing Sumpter area emerging with new momentum.

Join us Saturday, Feb. 28, at 769 Sumpter Rd., Belleville (near the Mail Center). Reception at 4:30 p.m.; public ribbon-cutting at 5:30 p.m.

Homebuyer workshop is March 5, at 5:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library (Cozadd room). Additional buyer and seller resources will be held throughout the year.

Thank you for welcoming us!

Lauren Rivers, broker/owner
Rivers House
support@rivershouseteam.com

Progress versus wildlife brings terrible sight

To the editor:

My husband and I frequently drive past the construction area on I-94 between the Airport and Telegraph Road. I know that the construction is in the name of progress, but oh, the terrible sight of seeing all those trees and vegetation torn out.

We always delighted in seeing the occasional deer on either the east or west side. My most important question is, “Did anyone try to relocate the deer that we saw in three separate areas?” Not to mention all the other wildlife that probably inhabited the trees and brush, too.

A plan to tear out a wooded area should also include plans for what lives there. If we were animals, what would we think? Where would we go now that our homes were being destroyed? Think about that!

Linda M. Dugan
Van Buren Township

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Feb. 26** – Boys Swimming, KLAA B Meet Prelims, 5 p.m.

• **Saturday, Feb. 28** -- Boys Swimming, KLAA B Meet Finals, 12 p.m.

Jamie Cichowski, Athletic Secretary
Belleville High School

*To build a better world,
start in your own
community*

Van Buren Eagles sets St. Patty's Day Dinner on March 17

The Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, will present a St. Patty's Day Dinner from 5 until 8 p.m. or until gone on Tuesday, March 17. Cost is \$20.

The menu includes corn beef, potatoes,

onion, carrots, cabbage and rutabaga, along with roll and dessert.

The Eagles are also selling tickets at \$10 each for a \$500 Cabela gift card raffle. Drawing is March 25 and you do not have to be present to win.

City of Belleville Public Notice

2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

REVISED LOCATION

THE 2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW WILL NOW BE HELD AT 6 MAIN ST (OLD CITY HALL)

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the City Of Belleville will be held on the following dates:

March 3rd, Tuesday
9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 3rd, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 10th, Tuesday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received by noon MARCH 10, 2026.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-252-4314 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. by MARCH 3, 2026.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2026 are as follows:

Commercial	46.81%	1.068
Industrial	46.53%	1.074
Residential	47.06%	1.062
Personal	50.00%	1.000

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 2, 2026 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Present
Council Member Kissel	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Priest	Absent – Excused

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

• Presentations

i. Proclamation – Mildred Baker

1. Presented by Mayor Voigt.

ii. Plante Moran – Financial Audit Results

1. Presented by Jay Wilde, Alan C. Young & Associates.

• Citizen Comments

i. Tom Jones

1. Concerned about the lack of road salting in Victoria Commons.

2. Asked when the decision on the hazardous waste lawsuit will be made.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Bates to approve the agenda as presented, with the removal of item 8C under General Business.

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

• Approval of Minutes

- i. January 20, 2026 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- ii. January 22, 2026 – Council Workshop

• Budget report

i. None.

• Communications

i. None.

• Council Follow-up list

i. None.

• Police Stats

i. None.

• Fire Stats

i. None.

• DPW Report

i. None.

• Special Events

i. None.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

• None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. **Resolution # 25-005 – Board and Commission Appointments**

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve **Resolution # 25-005**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

b. **Resolution # 25-006 – Wayne County Permits**

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve **Resolution # 25-006**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

c. **Resolution # 25-007 – Victory Station Rental Rates**

a. Item is deferred to next regularly scheduled meeting.

d. Adoption of Updated Fire Code

Public Hearing needs to be held; first reading on February 17th, and second reading on March 2nd.

e. Adoption of Assailant Policy

a. City Attorney is still working to develop policy. Deferred to future meeting.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

• Accounts Payable

• Departmental Expenditures

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental

Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CLOSED SESSION

• None.

11. INTERIM CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• VC3 to begin backing up servers in preparation of moving to new City Hall.

• Attended a Wayne County Parks meeting last Wednesday. Learned that we may receive up to 15% in grants of what we have paid in. Appropriations may be rolled over, with a maximum 3-year roll-over period.

• Wayne County has a "Park Finder" app; city will be providing information on our parks to be added to the app.

• Met with Hennessey Engineering last week to review all open projects; Mayor Voigt and DPS Director Johnson were also in attendance.

12. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

a. Council Member Priest

i. None; absent – excused.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Bates

i. Welcome Officer Norman Brooks.

ii. Happy Birthday to Millie Baker.

iii. Great to see a positive result from the city's annual financial audit.

iv. Thank you Alexander Henry and Angela Samyn for their willingness to serve on the city's Boards and Commissions.

v. Punxsutawney Phil disappointed everyone by predicting 6 more weeks of winter.

c. Council Member Beebe

i. Welcome Officer Brooks.

ii. Appreciates Interim City Manager Jones discussing the state-wide road-salt shortage.

d. Council Member Kissel

i. The codification process through Municode is still on schedule.

ii. Attended the joint-Planning Commission meeting last week, along with Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township Planning Commission Members.

iii. Van Buren Township's next Planning Commission meeting will be held on February 11th, at which time the potential data center project will be discussed.

iv. The city's Master Plan is still available for review; the subcommittee for the project plans to meet in March.

v. Will be attending a meeting this Wednesday regarding the potential use of GIS services for Hillside Cemetery.

13. Mayor's Comments

• Welcome Officer Brooks.

• Happy Birthday Millie Baker.

• Excited for the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting tomorrow.

• The lawsuit between the city and Republic Waste in regards to hazardous material disposal is underway.

• The "Belleville Three" were at last night's Detroit Piston's game, where they were honored.

• The Mayor's Ball will be taking place on Saturday, April 25th at the BYC; proceeds to support the Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue (FMAR). Volunteers needed to donate raffle baskets for the event.

14. CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

a. None.

15. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

a. Victory Station Rates

b. Assailant Policy

c. Updated Fire Code

d. Tax Incentives/Abatement

16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to adjourn at 7:19 PM. No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Briana Papin, City Clerk/Treasurer

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SEMCOG to present check to Belleville at new city hall March 2

The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) will present a check for \$552,890 for pedestrian safety to the city of Belleville at the city council's first official meeting at its new city hall at 330 Charles St.

The meeting, which is open to the public, starts at 6:30 p.m., Monday, March 2. Entry into the meeting room is through a location at the rear of the building.

The Transportation Alternatives Program

(TAP) grant of federal funds is for Main Street traffic calming and pedestrian improvements.

The special presentation during the meeting will include remarks from city leadership and SEMCOG, as well as state and federal elected leaders and staff.

The Belleville project includes installing a single-lane roundabout at Third Street, curb bump-outs, and raised crosswalks on Main Street at Fourth to slow traffic, improve pedestrian access, and meet ADA standards.

The project has a goal of reducing traffic-related crashes and serious injuries; implementing equity-driven

solutions to ensure transportation safety and accessibility; promoting active transportation modes such as walking and biking by creating safer pathways and crossings; enhancing safety and accessibility along Main Street; and supporting the local businesses and economic vitality that rely on this key community corridor.

The TAP grant is funded through the federal government and recipients selected by local elected leaders through the SEMCOG Regional Review process.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Tuesday, March 3 – Tuesday, March 31** – America's 250th Anniversary Quilt Show put on by the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild at the Belleville Area Museum. (734) 697-1944, facebook.com/thebellevilleareamuseum

• **Wednesday, March 4** – "Mackinac Straits History" will be presented by historian Andrew Kercher at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Mackinac Island boasts a rich history of indigenous cultures, fur trading and fudge. He will share his experiences of wearing a wool uniform and winter life on the island while working at the Grand Hotel.

• **Wednesday, March 4** – Michigan Flight Museum Historic Presentation Night is at 7:30 p.m. with "Lake Huron Red Tails." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. at 47884 D Street, Belleville. State Maritime Archaeologist Wayne R. Lusardi presents the story of Tuskegee Airman Lt. Frank H. Moody, who was killed on April 11, 1944, when his Bell-P39Q Airacobra crashed into lower Lake Huron. Museum members enter free and non-members are \$10 per person. (734) 483-4030

• **Saturday, March 7** – Skate Party to benefit Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Rollers Skate Park, 19750 Sumpter Rd., \$10 per person in advance and \$12 at the door. Includes skate rental. Baked goods and T-shirts for sale.

• **Wednesday, March 11** – Nikki Pickeral from the Belleville Area District Library will present "Sincerely Yours, Local History Through Letters" at 7 p.m. at the library. Enjoy an evening of love, heartache, and mystery with letters from the Belleville Area Museum.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

2026 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS
OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will be held on the following dates:

March 3rd, Tuesday

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

(Organizational Meeting)

No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 9th, Monday

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 11th, Wednesday

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received by noon MARCH 11, 2026.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by MARCH 3, 2026.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2026 are as follows:

Ag – 45.65%	1.0640
Com – 49.83%	1.0731
Ind – 48.33%	1.0185
Res – 45.85%	1.0449
Personal – 50.00 %	1.0000

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 431 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Feb 15:

0143 – warrant arrest, Belleville
0552 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0953 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1109 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1108 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr./Old Denton Rd.
1247 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1359 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1404 – assist fire dept., Holly Ln.
1421 – intrusion alarm, Pinewood Ln.
1515 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1712 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1819 – welfare check, Burlwood Ln.
1831 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2001 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2102 – 911 welfare check, Milton Dr.
2232 – welfare check, Alden Ave.
2250 – motorist assist, Lenmoore Ave./Savage Rd.
2322 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2342 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
Monday, Feb. 16:
0044 – domestic, Arthur St.
0154 – noise complaint, Beckley Rd.
0159 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lenmoore Ave.
0221 – assist other dept., Maple Dr./Oak Blvd.
0319 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0903 – parking complaint, Mida Dr.
0909 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1014 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1027 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1034 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1052 – assist other dept., Van Born Rd./Belleville
1142 – 911 welfare check, Quirk Rd.
1208 – fraud, Purple Sage Ct.
1325 – assist fire dept., Meadows Ct.
1447 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1454 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1516 – animal complaint, Park Estates Dr.
1609 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1618 – threat, Riggs Rd.
1748 – assist fire dept., Sadie Ln.
1928 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2041 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
2136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2230 – welfare check, Huron River Dr./Hannan
2235 – misc. complaint, Quirk Rd.
2246 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.
2256 – assist other dept., rest area
2317 – 911 welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
2336 – domestic, Meadows Cir.

Tuesday, Feb. 17:
0019 – noise complaint, Ventura Dr.
0052 – disorderly, Meadows Cir.
0054 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
0328 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0652 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.
xxxx – assist fire dept., Pebblebrook Dr.
0802 – family trouble, Burtrig St.
1100 – assist other dept., Savage Rd.
1108 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.
1142 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1246 – assist fire dept., Bog Rd.
1257 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1328 – 911 welfare check, Jackson St.
1340 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1423 – threat, Tyler Rd.
1449 – family trouble, Chinkapin Dr.
1453 – parking complaint, Woodwall
1555 – intrusion alarm, Robson Rd.
1619 – suicidal person, W. Columbia Ave.
1627 – personal injury accident, E. Huron River Dr.
Haggerty Rd.
1631 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1713 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd./Van Born
1755 – suicidal person, Truman Ave.
1806 – disorderly, Jackson St.
1950 – civil matter, Village Green Ln.

2020 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2053 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Huron River Dr.
2042 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2151 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
2233 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr./Old Rawsonville Rd.
2250 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Belleville Rd.
2305 – fight, E. Schooner Dr.
2328 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.

Wednesday, Feb. 18:

0023 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0026 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
0724 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0743 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0753 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.
0809 – disorderly, Basswood Cir.
0946 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1041 – welfare check, Victoria St.
1115 – harassment call, Wildflower Ct.
1130 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Chaney Ave.
1157 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
1230 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1444 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
xxxx – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1518 – welfare check, Wheatgrass Ln.
1559 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty
1600 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1705 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1756 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1818 – assist other dept., Jackson St.
2032 – parking complaint, Kent Dr./Kent Ln.
2205 – hospice death, Jackson St.
2258 – motorist assist, Savage Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2346 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2347 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Woodwall Ct./Greenbriar Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 19:

0042 – 911 welfare check, Richard Run Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Westlake Cir.
0141 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0245 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Edwards Rd.
0631 – assist other dept., Augusta Dr.
0937 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0943 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1030 – unattended death, Arborview Ln.
1053 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.
1219 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jackson St.
1237 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1340 – overdose, Andover/Stratford
1355 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1440 – suicidal person, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1606 – family trouble, Sadie Ln.
1625 – property damage accident, rest area
1655 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1730 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1820 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
1906 – civil matter, Van Buren St.
1937 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2013 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2048 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2335 – welfare check, Laurelwood Dr.

Friday, Feb. 20:
0051 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
0116 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0205 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0247 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0604 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0634 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0659 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty
0941 – suspicious person/ vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.
0959 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1012 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0957 – welfare check, Anna Dr.
1016 – intrusion alarm, Lenmoore Ave.
1105 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
1127 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1136 – warrant arrest, S. Huron
xxxx – private property impound, Woodbury Dr.
1311 – larceny, Landmark
xxxx – 911 welfare check, N. Woodbury Green

1409 – mental subject, Lenmoore Ave.
1444 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd.
1508 – welfare check, Lenmoore Ave.
1514 – fraud, Pine Dr.
1543 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1626 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1734 – shooting, Van Buren St./Hayes St.
xxxx – repossession, Cedarhurst Dr.
1852 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2113 – noise complaint, Robson Rd.
2125 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
2200 – road hazard, E. Adams
2231 – civil matter, Locust Dr.

Saturday, Feb. 21:

0017 – intrusion alarm, Wildbrook Dr.
0212 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0313 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
0340 – 911 welfare check, Winding Pond Dr.
0355 – domestic, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
0526 – noise complaint, McBride Ave.
0836 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0920 – civil matter, Basswood Cir.
1052 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1148 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.
1232 – 911 welfare check, Mott
1255 – threat, Oak Ln.
1433 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1519 – noise complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1527 – civil matter, Quirk Rd.
1528 – retail fraud, Denton/Mott
1647 – motorist assist, Denton Rd.
1602 – noise complaint, Marlowe Ave.
1707 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1939 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / n. I-94 Service Dr.
1944 – 911 welfare check, Lacy Dr.
2029 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2142 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2152 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Belleville
2305 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
2328 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
2336 – abandoned auto, Michigan/Michigan Ave.
2353 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jeremy Rd.
Also, on this log are 237 traffic stops, seven of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 15:

1151 – welfare check, South St.
1609 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
xxxx – repossession, Church St.
Monday, Feb. 16:
0937 – assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.
1025 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1438 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, High St./Edison St.

Tuesday, Feb. 17:

0943 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1129 – property damage accident, Main St.
1140 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1340 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride
1619 – suicidal person, W. Columbia Ave.
1919 – neighbor trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.
2007 – private property/property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
2105 – suspicious person/vehicle, circumstance, S. Industrial Park Dr.

Wednesday, Feb 18:
0632 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
1005 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.
1732 – assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.
1935 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
2203 – animal complaint, Santa Clara St.
2219 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.

Thursday, Feb. 19:

1041 – road hazard, N. Liberty St./Belleville Rd.
1453 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
2012 – animal complaint, Main St.

Friday, Feb. 20:

0015 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0125 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0952 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.

1731 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1927 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.

Saturday, Feb. 21:

0129 – misc. complaint, South St.
0339 – parking complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0835 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1019 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1145 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.

There are 87 reports on this week's log, 55 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Feb. 15:

0003 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
0312 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
0618 – alarm, 48000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1536 – harassment complaint, Edgewood Dr.
1745 – suspicious circumstance, Willis Rd. / California St.
1821 – suspicious circumstance, Oregon
1846 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
2003 – fire dept. assist, 9400 bl. Rawsonville
2105 – property damage accident, Willis Rd. / Sherwood Rd.
2336 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Feb. 16:
0229 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0340 – assault, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0837 – ordinance violation, Rustic Ln.
0906 – ordinance violation, Knollwood Dr.
0932 – ordinance violation, Rustic Ln.
0956 – 911 hangup, Iowa St.
1344 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1420 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1724 – suspicious circumstance, California St.
1744 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
2004 – juvenile matter, Redwood Ct.
2030 – assist other agency, Waltz Rd./Judd
2258 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter Rd. / Wear Rd.

2322 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Willow

Tuesday, Feb. 17:

0149 – suspicious circumstance, Dakota Ct.
0757 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
0807 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
1035 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1200 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona
1204 – citizen assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
1418 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1425 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
1436 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.
1504 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1519 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1655 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1725 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
1727 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
1746 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
2113 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Sumpter
2128 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2348 – assault, Wayside Dr.

Wednesday, Feb. 18:

0202 – noise complaint, Greenmeadow Dr.
0354 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0857 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0928 – felony warrant arrest, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
1147 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.
1342 – fire dept. assist, Colorado St.
1611 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
1617 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1640 – animal complaint, Willow/Martinsville
1813 – 911 hangup, Dakota Ct.
1842 – animal complaint, Edgewood Dr.
1920 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1933 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1944 – neighbor dispute, Wayside Dr.
1956 – property damage accident, Rustic Ln. / Brookview

2023 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Martinsville
2137 – 911 hangup, W. Arizona/California
2228 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
2347 – 911 hangup, Birch Dr.
2349 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, Feb. 19:

0028 – property damage accident, Washington
0758 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0802 – welfare check, Willis Rd./Sherwood
0812 – alarm, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1438 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1603 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Wear
1633 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1738 – welfare check, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2243 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
2346 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 Rawsonville Rd.
Friday, Feb. 20:
0849 – alarm, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1343 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.
1432 – harassment complaint, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1518 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1544 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1622 – suspicious circumstance, Greenmeadow Dr.
1634 – assault, Walnut St.
1739 – 911 hangup, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
2254 – mental health call, Third St.
2347 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
/ Bemis Rd.
Saturday, Feb. 21:
0212 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.
0422 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0541 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0659 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
0845 – mental health call, Birch Dr.
1158 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1229 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1636 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
1804 – follow-up investigation, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

1812 – child endangerment incident, Willis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2102 – follow-up investigation, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2106 – citizen assist, Oregon St.
2230 – family trouble, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
Also on this week's log were 134 patrol checks, 74 traffic stops and eight misc. details.

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Trial group being set up to teach young people to talk to peers on suicide

At the Feb. 18 meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, DDA member Valerie Kelley-Bonner said her 13-year-old cousin Ry'Ann had shot and killed herself the day before.

It was in the woods behind Haggerty subdivision near the strip mall.

She said she is setting up a trial group to teach young adults to talk with their friends – to teach them what you say to someone who feels like that.

Kelley-Bonner is executive director of SOOAR (Strategies to Overcome Obstacles and Avoid Recidivism) with an office on South Street.

In the past, Kelley-Bonner said her program works with those suffering from HIV, Hep C, thoughts of suicide, and COVID, along with those on drugs.

She said they meet with people and are connected to the Wayne/Oakland Integrated Health program, with faith and prayers a part of the program. Bonner said they give Narcan out and toiletries.

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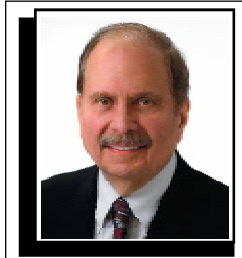
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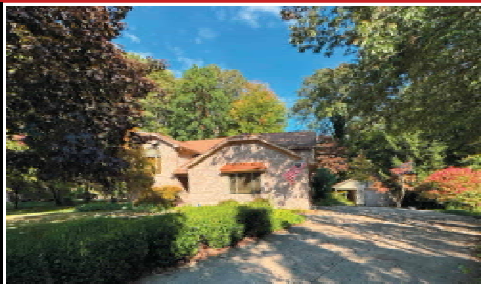
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